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SUBJECT: WMO PLANNING FOR WORLD CLIMATE CONFERENCE 1979

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1. THE SECOND MEETING OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE WORLD CLIMATE CONFERENCE, BEING PLANNED BY THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION, WAS HELD IN GENEVA NOVEMBER 28 AND 29 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR ROBERT M. WHITE (USA). THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO SELECT EXPERTS WHO WOULD PREPARE THE OVERVIEW PAPERS ON THE 16 MAJOR TOPICS TO BE COVERED BY THE CONFERENCE. A SMALL LIST OF CANDIDATES WAS PRODUCED FROM A COLLECTION OF NAMES SUGGESTED BY INDIVIDUALS AND EXPERT GROUPS CONCERNED WITH PROBLEMS ARISING FROM CLIMATIC CHANGE. THE FINAL SELECTION OF SPEAKERS HAS BEEN DELEGATED TO THE CHAIRMAN AND THE BUREAU

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OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, TO BE COMPLETED BY JANUARY 78.

2. THE OTHER UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AGREED TO SUPERVISE THE SELECTION OF SPEAKERS AND PARTICIPANTS IN THEIR FIELDS OF INTEREST: FAO FOR FORESTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES; UNESCO IN THE FIELDS OF ECOLOGY AND OCEAN RESOURCES; WHO

FOR THE HEALTH-RELATED ASPECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE. UNEP ALSO AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SELECTION PROCESS WHERE IT HAD PRIMARY CONCERNS, AND TO SUPPORT FURTHER PLANNING FOR THE CONFERENCE.

3. A MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW SPEAKERS AND THE BUREAU OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE IS PLANNED FOR MID-APRIL 1978 AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED SYSTEMS ANALYSIS (IIASA) IN LAXENBURG, AUSTRIA, IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE RESEARCH ALREADY PLANNED BY THE US NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

4. A PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PLANS FOR THE WORLD CLIMATE CONFERENCE WILL BE MADE TO ALL WMO MEMBERS BEFORE THE END OF DECEMBER 1977. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WILL INCLUDE A STATEMENT THAT DR WHITE HAS NOW BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF WMO TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE IN 1979. HE WILL ATTEND THE AD HOC GROUP OF THE WMO DEALING WITH OTHER ASPECTS OF THE WORLD CLIMATE PROGRAM WHICH MEETS IN CAIRO, 10-12 JANUARY 1978.

5. THE THIRD SESSION OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 1978 IN GENEVA. VANDENHEUVEL

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